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SHARED "VIRTUAL RING" NETWORKS

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 8, 2006 please consider the following remarks.

- Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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